

Coins

'Upside-down bills' top 100, and still rising

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MORE "UPSIDE-DOWN \$1 bills" are being found in circulation in what some currency experts are now calling "the most widespread United States paper money error in many years."

As reported last Sunday, persons in several cities, including Chicago, have been finding series 1974 Federal Reserve notes on which the serial numbers, Treasury seal, and material

identifying the Federal Reserve bank are inverted.

So far, more than 100 of the "inverted notes" have been found, and experts estimate that at least several hundred more still could be in circulation.

Apparently, the error was caused by a malfunction in a new, automated examining system at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The system has been in use for less than three months.

Coin dealers have been selling the error bills for about \$100.

U. S. Mint Director Mary Brooks will resign early next year, a decision she made before the election, according to numismatic newspaper *Coin World*.

Although her term runs to 1979, the job is a political appointment. In the past, most mint directors have resigned with installation of a new administration.